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ated Press News.

SLIPSHOD STREET CLEANING.

THE EVENING WORLD'S investigation of

New York's dirty streets shows plainly

that the work really done is slipshod,

and that with the present force the city

could be kept much cleaner.

A printed complaint sent a sweeping

machine to East Twenty-seventh street

yesterday. After it had gone over the

ground there was very little change.

Dirty and refuse were under the wagons

and about the gutters when an EVENING

World reporter and an artist got there.

The men in charge of the machine saw

the latter making sketches. They went

over it a second time and cleaned it

much better. They could have accom-

plished this result on the first attempt.

This should be an object lesson for

Commissioner BEATTIE. The probabili-

ties are that he does not know what his

employees are really doing. This seems

to be the most charitable view.

Come, Mr. BEATTIE, wake up.

GROUND FOR APPREHENSION.

The boarding-house matrons of the

good city of Washington have cause for

the gravest apprehension. They are in

distinct and unexpected danger. A large

and fatal stab has been administered to

their calling. The quality of the hash

they evolve has almost been questioned,

for the Rev. Dr. Scott, father-in-law of

President HARRISON, has left Washington

forever, according to the Washington

newspapers, and has gone to Portland,

Ore., to his son.

The arch yet guileless citizen will at

first see but slight connection between

the Rev. Dr. Scott and the poetic com-

modity known to the world as hash. Yet

the connection is not slight. It is strong

and pathetic. It will induce sympathy

for the poor, struggling matrons of

Washington and admiration for President

HARRISON, whose sole desire apparently

has been to further the interests of the

Washington boarding-houses and his

father-in-law's digestion.

The Rev. Dr. Scott did not enjoy him-

self at the White House, it is said, be-

cause whenever the President had come

he sent the old gentleman over to a

boarding-house until the guests had left.

The President often had company; cry,

the old gentleman devoted a great deal of

time to the boarding-houses. Ungrate-

fully Dr. Scott died. Sharper than any

serpent's tooth is his ingratitude.

Attacked by the kindest and most

son-in-lawish regard for Dr. Scott's di-

gestion, President HARRISON presumably

decided that the rich and toothsome

viands of the White House might do the

old gentleman harm. What more natural

than that the boarding-house should

occur to his mind? Who can recall a

boarding-house that has ever been ac-

cused of being rich and toothsome?

"Popper," we can almost hear the

SKETCHES BY M. QUAD.

The Story of the Shoestring Man.

"You were not always a shoestring

man?" I queried, as we sat down to-

gether in Union Square and got our cigars

alight.

"No, sir; not always," he cautiously

replied as he looked around to see that

no one was near.

"You were not a shoemaker before

you took to shoestrings?"

"By no means. Can I trust you with a

great secret?"

"Certainly. Just unbutton yourself

without the slightest reservation, but

don't make use of any more French or

Latin than you can help."

"Well, sir," he began after looking

all around again, "at the age of twenty I

fell in love. I was poor, but honest. She

was an only child and the heiress to five

millions."

"And her passion was of, of course?"

"He did, sir. Could I have been free

to see her I know that she would have

soon reciprocated my attachment. In-

deed, I think she was beginning to re-

turn her mother's father gave me the

bonnie. I think the mother was all

right, but the old man wasn't built that

way."

"But you appealed to the girl, of

course, and suggested a runaway match?"

"I did, sir, but with tears in her eyes

she told me that if she disobeyed her

father he would cast her off forever. He'd

cast off a dozen other children, and

she realized how implacable he was. He

wanted her to marry a young man who

had a large fortune. His \$3,000,000 was

more than an offset for my beauty and

the wages I got in a planing-mill."

"And so she fled?"

"She fled. Went out of my life just

like a candle going out on your down

cellar. She married the other man.

They went to Europe for a year, and then

returned to settle here. They are here

now. I saw her only yesterday."

"And you also married, of course?"

"No, sir. I took a solemn vow never

to marry unless she became a widow and

would have me. My love for her can

never die."

"But how came you to enter into the

shoestring business?"

"That's the pivotal question, sir. It

was in order that I might meet her oc-

casional. She always did her shopping

along Fourteenth street, and I often see

her twice a week. She never wears a

button shoe."

"But buys her laces of you?"

"Yes, sir."

"I see. And does she know that you

have remained single for her sake?"

"She does. Would you say that I suf-

fered by looking me in the face?"

"Most assuredly. I should say you

were sitting on a carpet-tack this very

minute."

"Don't trifle with my story that way,

sir. I've had my share of corns and boils

and lame backs, but my suffering is in

my heart. O this weary, weary wait-

ing!"

"How's her husband's health?"

"That's what discourages me. It's

blooming fine. He's got every appearance

of being good for thirty or forty years

more, while I am surely getting lumpy

backed and bow-legged and gray-haired.

Is it any wonder that I toss about of

nights and can't sleep?"

"No wonder just now, with all these

Jersey skeeters coming over here. Yours

is a sad, sad story, my friend. Any one

seeing you stand over there on the corner

of Broadway would have no idea of the

grief gnawing at your heart-strings. Can

nothing be done?"

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Do What You Can to Smooth Their

Hard Life.

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